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In re application of

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Examiner: Hai Chi PHAM

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner indicates that claims 1, 2, 12, 17, 18 and 20 are patentable over the prior art patents and printed publications because of the specific build-up of the positive pressure in the interior of the recording apparatus using an air supply and the provision of one of dehumidifier, humidifier, heater or cooler located in the feed path of the recording medium such that the temperature or humidity or both are held in said recording apparatus, which is not found taught by the art of record alone or in combination.

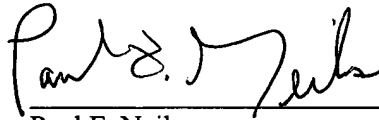
The Examiner also indicates that claims 4, 7, 9 and 11 are patentable over the prior art patents and printed publications because of the specific build-up of the positive pressure in the interior of the recording apparatus using an air supply and the provision of one of dehumidifier, humidifier, heater or cooler located in the feed path of the recording medium, wherein the humidifier performs the humidifying function by a water-retaining material imbibed with water such that the temperature or humidity or both are held constant in said recording apparatus, and that the combined limitations are not taught by the art of record alone or in combination.

The Examiner further states that claims 5, 8, 13-16, 19 and 21 are allowed because they are directly or indirectly dependent from claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 12 and 18 above.

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However, Applicants respectfully submit that each individual claim is allowable based on its own language, and not based on any paraphrasing of language that may be made by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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